Subsidy for modernising agriculture

2715. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are granting subsidies to the farmers to modernise agriculture;

(b) if so, the details of subsidies granted to the farmers;

(c) whether Government had a proposal to discontinue the subsidies;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to allow the continuance of subsidies for some more time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Under the various Plan schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture, incentives are being provided to farmers on the use of improved seeds, plant protection means, farm implements, sprinklers sets, drip irrigation etc. for modernising agriculture. Other major inputs subsidies are also given for irrigation, power, fertilisers and credit at concessional rate.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Manufacturers of Lindane

2716. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any Manufacturers of 'Lindane' (pure L.D.T.) in India;

(b) if so, the number, names and addresses of such manufacturers; and

(c) whether they are themselves the formulators of insecticides or are suppliers to other manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Lindane is the Gamma Isomer of BHC. As per the information available there are following two manufacturers of Lindane (Technical) in the organised sector:

1. M/s. Mico Farm Chemicals Ltd., Viscose Towers, 1078, Avanashi Road, Coimbatore.

2. M/s. Kanoria Chemicals & Industries Ltd. Renukot Chemical Works Division, Park Plaza, 71, Park Street, Calcutta.

It is understood that these manufacturers also make formulations of this chemical. The supply to other manufacturers of formulations is the commercial decision of these companies.

Nutritious mid-day meal scheme

2717. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that an egg is given once a week to the beneficiaries of the nutritious mid-day meal scheme in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government would consider emulating Tamil Nadu by providing an egg in its nutritious mid-day meal scheme, as a step towards its "Healt for all by 2000 A.D." project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) State Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that a boiled egg is served per child once in a fortnight.

(b) No, Sir.